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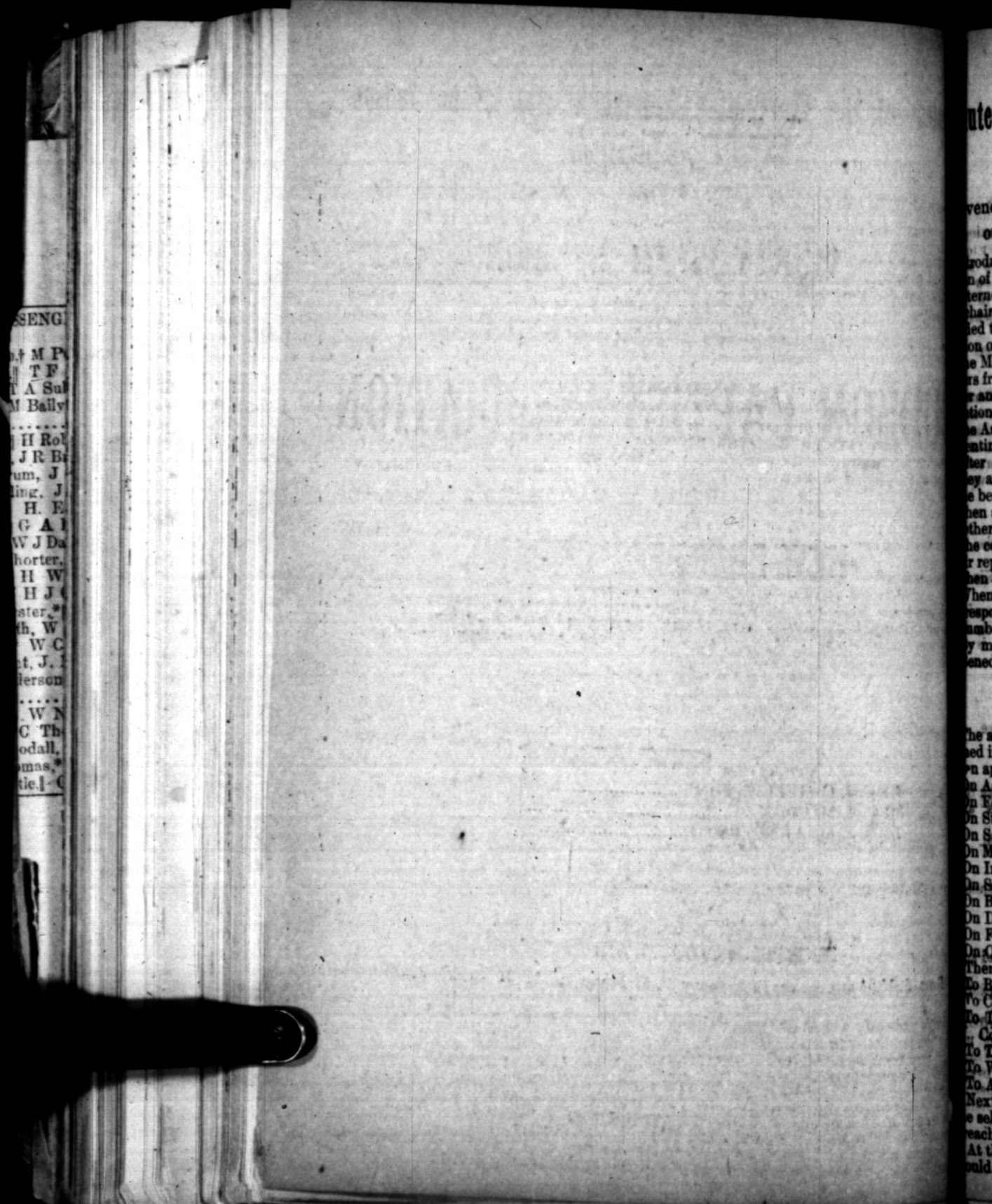

utes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Judson Baptist Association,

vened with the Church at New Prospect, Monroe County, Miss., on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1887.

roductory Sermon by Elder W. L. Pulley, text———Theme—"The qualifi-n of church membership" after which one hour was given for refreshments. ternoon, the Association was convened by singing, the former Moderator in hair, Elder J. C. Gillentine read 34th Psalm and led in prayer, and then led the body that our former Clerk had been removed by death. When upon on of W. L. Pulley, J. M. Cook was chosen to act as clerk protem. e Moderator then appointed Elder Pulley and Bro. Crenshaw to read the rs from the churches composing this association which was done in regular r and contents noted. See statistical table.

tionary letters was then called for. None represented.

e Association then proceeded to regular organization by electing Elder J. C. ntine, Moderator; J. M. Cook, Clerk and J. M. Armstrong, Treasurer.

ter some appropriate remarks by the Moderator W. H. McKinney, W. L. ey and H. Partlow were appointed a committee to arrange the business to e before the body.

hen as Devotional Committee J. A. Williams, Wm. Morse and B. Merchant, ther with the deacons of New Prospect Church.

he committee on arrangements retired and in a few minutes returned and made r report. Report received and committee discharged.

hen called for correspondence.

Then Elders F. Finney W. F. Osbon and Bro. W. P. Cooper were received as respondents from the Aberdeen Association. Bro. Green present from the ambus Association was recognized as correspondent from that body.

y motion of Elder Pulley adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

enediction by the Moderator.

Friday Morning 9 Oclock.

he association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator read 27th Psalm ed in prayer led by Elder F. Finney, read and approved minutes of yesterday n appointed the following committees:

n Associational Mission—W. H. McKinney and J. J. Bssaham.
n Foreign Mission—H. E. Partlow and B. Merchant.
n State of Religion—J. M. Armstrong and E. N. Miller.
n Sabbath Schools—J. A. Williams and John Boren.
n Ministerial Education—J. J. Bassham and C. G. Rogers.
n Intemperance—J. M. Cook and W. H. Ware.
n Schools and Colleges—W. L. Pulley and J. F. Hathcock.
n Baptist Literature—J. M. Armstrong and J. W. Cook.
n Documents—J. M. Cook and Wiley Murff
n Finance—H. E. Partlow, J. J. Bassham and J. W. Cook.
n Obituary—W. L. Pulley and W. H. McKinney.

hen appointed correspondents as follows:

o Baptist State Convention—Elder W. L. Pulley and J. M. Armstrong.
o Chickasaw Association—J. M. Armstrong and W. H. McKenney.
o Tombigby Association—Elders J. C. Gillentine, W. H. McKinney and J. Cook.
o Tiabamingo Association—Brethren Howerton and Miller.
o West Judson Association—J. A. Williams and J. M. Armstrong.
o Aberdeen Association—W. H. Ware and W. L. Pulley.

Next appointed the place for the next session of this body which resulted in e selection of Evergreen Church, Itawamba County, Elder J. C. Gillentine to reach the Introductory Sermon and Elder H. Moore alternate.

At this point the committee on devotion reported that Elder J. C. Gillentine ould preach at 11 o'clock to-day and Elder W. H. McKenney to-night.

Bro. Stevens present from Columbus Association was recognised as correspondent from that body.

CALLED FOR REPORTS:

Bro. H. E. Partlow submitted a report on Foreign Missions which elicited some very interesting speeches from several brethren.

Report as follows:—We believe that it is our bounded duty according to the teachings of the Scriptures to preach the Gospel to every creature, the question would naturally arise, how are we to preach it? We answer by contributing of our means to sustain those that feel impressed by the Spirit of the Master to go and proclaim the Gospel to those that are destitute. This is in accordance with the teaching of inspiration. How can they without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent? Brethren we have been very remiss in this duty. We earnestly recommend that every church take up regular collections for this object. Respectfully,

H. E. Partlow and J. B. Merchant, Committee.

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11 o'clock at hand the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Bro. Gillentine then occupied the stand and preached from Romans 3rd chapter and 24th verse, to the edification of all present, and the congregation was large, and we think it one of his ablest efforts. After the sermon the large congregation was invited to the long table spread in the church yard laden with the choicest of luxuries prepared by the good ladies and sisters of New Prospect, and an observer would have thought we did ample justice to the occasion.

Friday Evening Session met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder W. F. Osbon.

Called for report on State Mission which was submitted by Elder McKinney and after interesting remarks by several brethren adopted as follows:

We believe that it is the duty of the church of Christ to preach the Gospel to every creature, and as we admit that there is great destitution in our State, and as our State Board is trying to cultivate this destitution, we believe it is our indispensable duty to give of our means, to help the State Board, to do this work that we feel is so much needed. We therefore ask every minister in the association to impress upon their respective churches to come up to their full duty in this respect. Respectfully,

W. H. McKenney and W. M. Morse, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We learn from reading of the letters from the various churches composing this association that but few churches have held their protracted meetings, and religion seems to be rather at a low ebb. Respectfully,

J. M. Armstrong, Chairman.

Adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Benediction by Elder McKenney

Saturday Morning, Third Day 9 O'clock.

The Moderator read the 23rd Psalm, prayer by Bro. J. A. Williams. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools. Read and commented on by several brethren and adopted as follows:

We believe a well conducted Sabbath school is profitable to all who may attend it, and we believe further that Sabbath schools are of great importance and too much neglected. The question then arises how should they be organized and how conducted to accomplish the greatest good. We urge the importance of every Baptist Church to organize a Sabbath school, strictly Baptistic. Let every pastor so teach in all his churches, and let them be conducted by Baptist superintendents and teachers, using only Baptist literature, and especially the new testament.

Respectfully,

J. A. Williams and John Boren, Committee.

Report on Associational Mission submitted by Bro. J. J. Bassham.

Your committee report that there is a great deal of destitution in our bounds, this is not for want of preachers; but for want of means. Our preachers are generally poor, and cannot preach to all this destitution without help.

We find that the contributions of the year for this cause are very small. We find that only about half of our destitution have had preaching once a month and the other half none. We would urge the brethren to discharge this duty in giving of their means that the people may be supplied with the Gospel of Christ.

Respectfully,

W. H. McKENNEY and J. J. BASSHAM, Committee.

At this point the Devotional Committee report that Elder F. Finney preach to-day at 11 a. m. and Elder W. L. Pulley to-night and Elder W. F. Osbon to-morrow (Sabbath) at 11 a. m.

Singing to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Report on Schools and Colleges submitted by Elder W. L. Pulley as follows:

We believe an education to be the development of the moral, mental and physical faculties to such a degree as will render an individual or community most useful to God in carrying out his great injunction through Christ in us, better capacitated to promote the welfare and happiness of each other, and to render us the more fully to appreciate the many blessings which God in his goodness and mercy has so fully and freely bestowed upon us, and believing that such aims and ends can be the better accomplished through the medium of our own denominational schools. Under the fostering care of the church of Christ, we would most urgently present that as churches and individuals we use all laudible means to foster and maintain the schools of our own denomination. Especially with their able faculties and religious and moral surroundings, we would recommend our young men, those designing to prepare themselves for the ministry to the many advantages presented by Mississippi College. It is our college, given to us by God in answer to the prayers of our Fathers. Let us put forth every effort to properly build up and sustain it in its noble work.

Respectfully,

W. L. PULLEY, Chairman.

Called for report on Temperance submitted by J. M. Cook.

Your committee regards the subject of intemperance one of the most vital and important that now agitates the American continent, and perhaps the Christian world; it is a fact that cannot be denied that intemperance is the greatest drawback to the progress of Christianity, that the churches have to contend with. The intemperate use of strong drink impedes the progress of the Gospel both in city, town and country. The Scriptures abundantly teach us that no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Very dear Brethren, do you know that two hundred thousand souls sink annually into eternity from the intemperate use of strong drink? Is that not enough to arouse every Baptist to arise with one accord and endeavor to put the iron heel of prohibition in the midst of every church, neighborhood and hand in our fair land.

Dear brethren, we could write a volume on this important and much neglected subject, and the half would not be told.

Respectfully,

J. M. COOK, Chairman.

Report on Baptist Literature, submitted by J. M. Armstrong as follows:

In addition to the reading the Bible your committee would recommend to all our members the importance of reading the Southern Baptist Record, our State organ, also the Baptist, edited by Dr. Graves, of Memphis, Tennessee, and all other good Baptist literature. Respectfully,

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

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11 o'clock at hand adjourned until half past one. Benediction by W. L. Pulley.

Elder F. Finney then came forward and preached to a very large and attentive congregation. Text Deut. 6th chapter and 15th verse. We think the ablest effort of his life.

Clerk.

Saturday afternoon met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Bro. W. H. Ware. Called for report on documents, submitted as follows:

Your committee find from reference to the letters from the churches that some of the churches have had refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. We find the union of the first district will meet with Friendship Church on Thursday before the third Sabbath in August next, 1888.

Introductory Sermon by T. H. Turner, A. J. Moore, alternate. Essays to be written as follows:

1st. Will the Gospel be preached during the millennial age. J. L. Turnage.

2nd. What is the difference between the Kingdom and the church of Christ, T. H. Turner.

3rd. Has a minister the right to administer baptism to any person upon a profession of faith without the authority of a church. W. H. McKinney.

4th. Is there any Scriptural rite for church organization. J. L. Turner.

5th. What is the difference between private and public offence. J. M. Cook.

6th Do saints go to Heaven or Paradise immediately after death? F. M. Gregory.

7th. What will constitute the Bride of Christ? S. H. Turner.

We also find that the union of the 2nd district will convene with Richmond Church on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1888.

Introductory Sermon by J. M. Booth, W. H. Moore, alternate. Brethren to write essays as follows:

1st. Has a minister the right to demand a set salary for preaching? J. C. Gillentine.

2nd. Will the Gospel be preached during the millennial age? J. W. Randolph.

3rd. Was John's baptism a Christiam baptism? W. H. Moore.

4th. What became of Jesus after he was raised from the dead? W. J. Thomas.

5th. Has the Sunday School been any help to the church? J. P. Joy.

6th. Is it any more the duty of Baptists to preach the Gospel than any other denomination? R. S. Thomas.

Respectfully, J. M. Cook and Wiley Murff, Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries report that since the last meeting of our Association, that death has been invading the ranks of some of our churches. Our efficient and much esteemed Clerk, Elder L. S. Owen, has been called from his labors on earth to his reward in glory.

We find also that Bethel Church has lost one of her shining lights, in the death of Brother T. A. Cooke, who departed this life October the 5th, 1886. He left the satisfactory evidence that he was going home to glory.

Sister S. C. Estes, of Bougfalah Church died June the 17th, 1887. She lived a life of righteousness and died in the triumphs of a living faith.

Center Hill Church has lost a prominent member in the death of brother J. M. Harris.

Macedonia reports the death of brother J. T. Franklin. Though young in the cause of the master he is surely missed in the circles of his church.

New Prospect Church reports, the death of sister E. Ware wife of brother W. H. Ware. Sister Ware lived a consistent member of the church 37 years. It can be truly said of her that she has gone to receive her crown of glory.

Brethren while it is true that our minds are filled with sadness at the loss of those esteemed Brethren and Sisters, we are assured of the fact that our loss is their eternal gain. Let us meekly bow to the will of Him that doeth all things well.

Respectfully, W. L. Pulley Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance report that we have received

for printing Minutes	$ 13 50
For Association Missions	6 00
For State Missions	75

For Foreign Missions	3 35
Total	$ 23 60

paid to Treasurer

Respectfully,

J. J. Bassham, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount brought over from last year		$ 23 61
Amount collected this year		57 29
Total		$ 74 90
Credit by cash, paid Elder Gilleim	$ 15 90	
" " " " W. H. McKinney	28 50	
" " " " J. J. Turner	9 00	
" " " " J. W. Randolph	3 25	
" " " " W. H. Moore	7 00	
" " " " W. H. McKinney	5 00	$ 68 65
Balance on hand		$ 6 25
Foreign Mission amount on hand		10 00
State Misson " " "		40
Minute Fund " " "		13 50

Respectfully,

J. M. Armstrong, Treasurer.

By motion of Elder Pulley retained the same Executive Board, by adding Bro. J. A. Taylor, of Oak Hill Church, Lee County.

By motion granted letters of dismission to New Prospect and Ebenezer Churches.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved, that this Association request all of our Churches to make out an itemized account of all expenditures of each Church, for all work done wherein money is paid out, and so report to the next Session of this Body in their letters.

2nd. Resolved, that this Association tender their best thanks to the New Prospect Church and the entire community, for the kindness and liberal hospitality extended to us during the entire session.

3rd. Resolved, that we instruct our Clerk to have as many copies of Minutes printed as he can with the money on hand, after retaining $7.50 for his services.

P. S. I have collected the following amount for Minutes since the Association, viz:

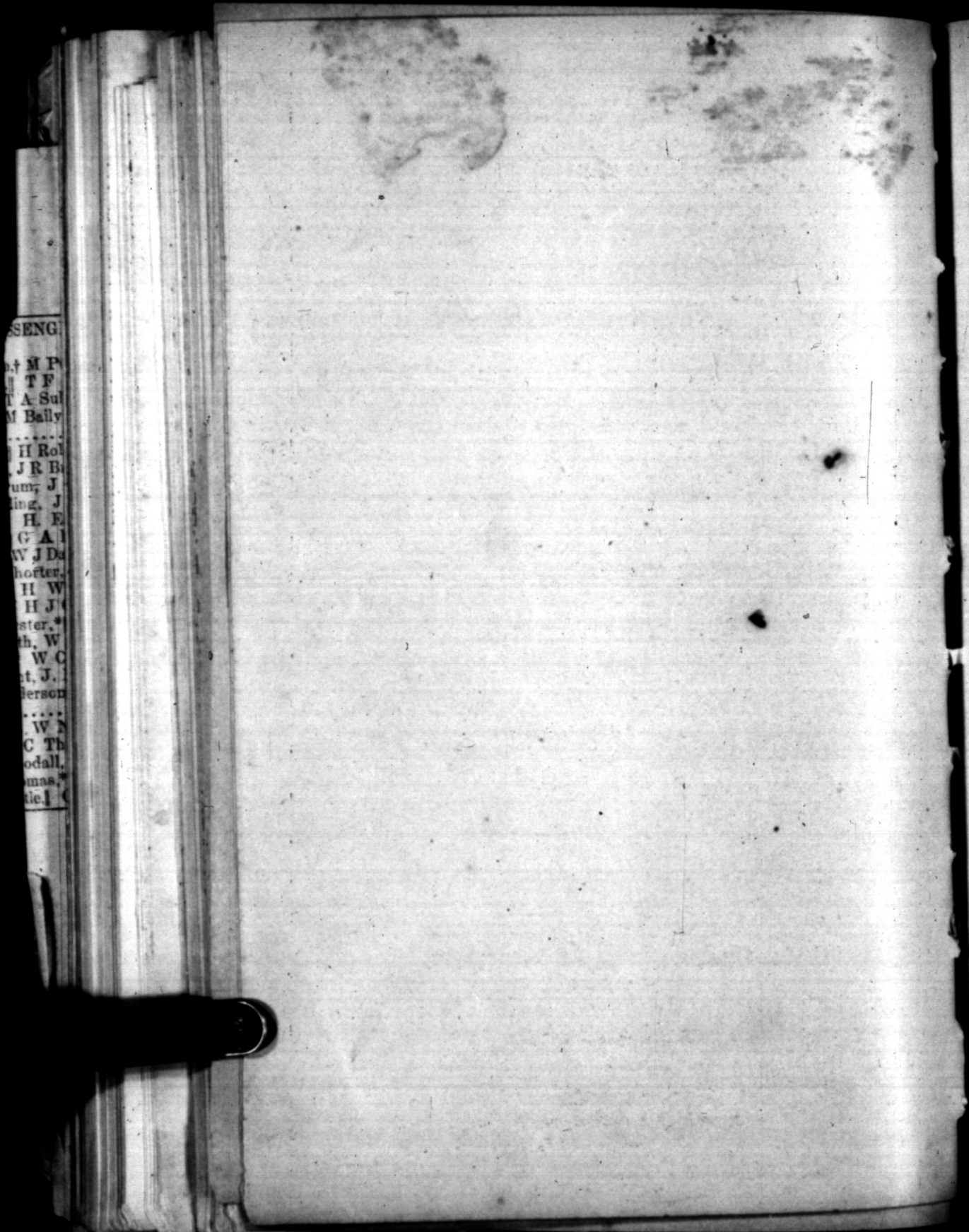
Mantaches Creek	$ 1 50	Baughfalah	75 cts
Bethel	2 00	Brother Petty	25
Oak Grove	1 00	Brother Lyll	25
Oak Hill	50	W. M. Gocher	10
Hopewill	50	Z. Martin	10
Vernon	85		Clerk

The Association being through with their business, the Moderator made some appropriate remarks and the old familiar hymn, "How firm a foundation," was sung and the parting hand extended, amid much feeling of brotherly love and affection joined in prayer led by Elder F. Finuey, then adjourned to meet with the Evergreen Church, Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September next 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Elder J. C. Gellentine, Modorator.

J. M. Cook, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Minute Fund.	Day of Meet'g	Baptisms	Rec by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Fellowship
Bethel	J. L. Turnage	Mo orsville	Not Represented	$2 00	2	...	4	...	...	...	3	$ 90
Richmond	J. W. Randolph	Richmond.	" "	1 30	3	2	...	...	8	0	1	67
Unity	.....	Guntown	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Bougfalah	J. L. Turnage	Moorsville.	W. H. McKinney, J. M. Cook, J. W. Cook.	2 45	4	2	4	...	8	5	1	1 30
Hopewell	J. C. Gillentine	Richmond.	J. C. Gillentine, Wm. Morse	1 50	4	6	...	2	4	...	...	1 23
Oak Hill	T. H. Turner	Guntown	Not Represented	50	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	9
Evergreen	W. H. Moore	Richmond.	J. M. Armstrong	1 05	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Friendship	T. H. Turner	Guntown	J. S. Howerton, E. A. Miller	1 00	3	1	3	...	6	...	...	99
Mantachez Creek	J. L. Turnage	Mantachie.	Not Represented	1 50	3	...	...	...	8	2	1	68
Pleasant Hill	J. L. Turnage	Tupelo	J. A. Williams	1 40	1	8	1	...	11	4	2	81
New Prospect	W. L. Pulley	Aberdeen	W. L. Pulley, Wiley Murff, and W. H. Ware.	1 70	2	1	1	1	4	6	1	1 16
Liberty	W. H. McKinney	Bigby Fork	D. M. Brown, R. M. Brown	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	35
Oak Grove	J. C. Gillentine	Ratliffs	J. B. Merchant	1 75	1	6	8	...	1	...	2	1 18
Fellowship	A. J. Moore	Saltillo	Not Represented	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Center Hill	St. C. Laurence	Verona	H. E. Partlows	2 45	4	11	12	2	7	5	1	1 52
Ebenezer	W. L. Pulley	Aberdeen.	J. F. Hathcock	50	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Union Hill	W. H. McKinney	Eureka	Not Represented	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Macedonia	J. C. Gillentine	Bourlands.	R. H. Rankin, J. Swain	.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	9
Judsou	W. L. Pulley	Detroit Ala	Not Represented	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Mt. Vernon	J. C. Gillentine	Fulton	" "	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Shilo	.....	.....	.....	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.